WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Scheme to implement PM's declaration

†589. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission was given the responsibility to formulate a scheme in order to implement the declaration made by the Prime Minister on May, 2007 for spending rupees 25,000 crore for development of agriculture sector;

(b) if not, the details thereof to whom the above responsibility was attributed;

(c) the details of proposals relating to the scheme received by Government until now in this regard and from whom the same were received by Government; and

(d) by when Government are likely to finalise these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The National Development Council's resolution dated the 29th May, 2007 has identified the need for introducing a new Additional Central Assistance scheme to be administered by the Ministry of Agriculture to incentivize the States to draw up plans for their agriculture sector more comprehensively. The scheme is being formulated. The proposal is being accorded the highest priority for early finalization.

Election of Societies under MSCS Act, 2002

590. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the provisions of MSCS Act, 2002, it is the responsibility of Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies to conduct election within a period of 90 days when such election became due in case the society does not conduct the election in time;

(b) if so, what action is taken against the Central Registrar in case he does not conduct elections of such societies; and

(c) the details of the societies where the elections were not held as per schedule and the details of action taken by Central Registrar therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) As per the provisions of Section 45(6) of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 (MSCS Act, 2002) where the board fails to conduct

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election of the members of the board, the Central Registrar shall hold the election within a period of ninety days from the date when such election became due. There are instances where the Central Registrar could not intervene under the provisions of this section of the MSCS Act, 2002 due to injunction/directions or order of the Courts or the matter was not brought to the notice of the Central Registrar.

After receiving information that elections to the Board of Directors of any multi-State co-operative society have not been conducted when such election became due, the Central Registrar takes appropriate steps to ensure that election are conducted. Therefore, the question of any action against the Central Registrar does not arise.

NAFED loans

591. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1073 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of persons, businessmen, corporate houses, etc. to whom loans were given by NAFED indicating the purpose for which the loans was given together with the quantum of loan given to each one during 2000-2004;

(b) whether the bye-laws of NAFED permit to give loans to other than farmers and whether the persons, etc. to whom loans were given were entitled to receive loan from NAFED and, if so, the details of the rules and if not, the action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) the quantum of loan recovered so far, loan-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) NAFED has reported that it has not given any loan to any person, businessmen, corporate houses etc. It has undertaken business with its business associates under Public Private Partnership (PPP) and has provided line of credit to its business associates. A statement showing party-wise details of business undertaken by NAFED under PPP, indicating the purpose, quantum of amount of advance and amount recovered is enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(b) The bye-laws of NAFED permit to advance loans to its members and other cooperative institutions on the security of goods or otherwise. It has been reported by NAFED that it has not given any loan to any person, businessmen, corporate houses etc.

(c) Information contained in the statement annexed as above, in reply to part (a) of the question.